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17 April 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: EA/TR

SUBJECT : Weekly Activities Report

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1. The Language Development Committee met at [REDACTED] on 9-10 April. ✓

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[REDACTED] DDS representative was on jury duty and thus was not able to attend.

Meeting in this way gave the committee an opportunity to examine in some depth a variety of matters affecting language training and development.

a. Much of the time was spent in reviewing a draft of a CSI establishing a language development program for the Clandestine Service.

b. It was agreed after some discussion that it was not reasonable to expect a majority of students to achieve a proficiency level of "3" in an academic situation, that it required exposure in the language environment and, assuming a good base was established in the training, then it was reasonable to expect rapid progress in the environment. This is especially important to the Language School, which for years has been placed in a position of trying to produce results which essentially was not possible.

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c. The Executive Secretary, [REDACTED] reported on the imminent publication of the Language Control Register (LCR) (this was completed for use on 13 April). Some discussion followed this announcement concerning the use of the LCR. It was agreed that copies would be sent each LDC member who in turn would disseminate as appropriate to consumer components. The advent of this material was considered a significant step forward in the Language Development Program. An analysis of this information was expected to be the base for the mid-April (now mid-May) report to the Executive Director.

d. There was some discussion concerning cost effectiveness of internal language training. All agreed, in view of quality of training and security that it was money well spent.

e. The DDP representative briefly reported on the overseas language and area training. He believed that this was being used successfully but that there was still too little data to effectively evaluate the program.



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f. It was agreed that the June 30 purge of untested claims from the record was appropriate. Further clean-up of the Language Qualifications Record (LQR) was discussed.

g. The Incentives program was discussed briefly. There was general agreement that an Agency regulation e.g. [REDACTED] was not necessary. Each 25X1A Directorate was expected to follow the lead of the DDP in publishing its own policy as directed [REDACTED].

h. LDC members were reminded that language position requirements should be reviewed and up-dated by 30 June and submitted for up-dating the record by 30 September.

i. The effort of the Language School to provide guidance by grouping languages identified in the language position requirements according to difficulty of learning was discussed. All evidenced interest in such a document, especially the DDP representative who wanted to use this in connection with the publication of the CSI on Language Development.

In summary all felt this to be an unusually fruitful session, worth repeating in the future.

2. Proficiency test scheduling has declined in all categories. The testing drive originating in the fall has been virtually completed, except for some odd languages and a few rescheduled tests.

3. Personnel Notes

25X1A9a [REDACTED] one of Turkish instructors, is leaving us because her husband has been assigned overseas.

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4. Language School Statistics

Students and Classes as of 17 April 1970:

<u>Students</u>	<u>Classes</u>
Full-time - 75	Full-time - 34
Part-time - 139 (26 BAHLT)	Part-time - 56 (6 BAHLT)
(59 Hqs.)	(12 Hqs.)

Laboratory hours for the week of 6 - 10 April:

Headquarters lab - 82
Language School lab - 280

Nine proficiency tests were administered during the week of 6-10 April.



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